

# Hare Psychopathy Test

## Introduction

This test, created by Canadian psychologist Robert D. Hare, is a psychological assessment tool most commonly used to assess the presence of psychopathy in individuals<sup>1</sup>. Based on observed behavior in 20 different categories, individuals are given a score of 0 (does not apply), 1 (applies somewhat) or 2 (definitely applies) to each category. The maximum total of all the scores is 40 points. Any individual scoring above 30 points is regarded as a psychopath.<sup>2</sup>

It is amusing (but obviously unprofessional) to apply the test to yourself or anyone you have knowledge of their behavior to see how you (or they) score. A table is provided below to place the the scores for each observation and the total.

## Observations

### 1. Do you have "excess glibness" or superficial charm?

(Answer: For sociopaths, the answer to this question is yes.)

### 2. Do you have a grandiose sense of self-worth?

(Psychopaths do.)

### 3. Do you have an excess need for stimulation or proneness to boredom?

(Psychopaths can't endure periods of the doldrums.)

### 4. Are you a pathological liar?

(Psychopaths don't care about the truth.)

### 5. Are you conning or manipulative?

(Psychopaths often believe they can pull the strings of the dupes around them.)

### 6. Do you display a lack of remorse or guilt?

(Psychopaths don't feel bad when they do bad things.)

### 7. Do you have "shallow affect"?

(Psychopaths show a lack of emotions when an emotional reaction is appropriate.)

### 8. Are you callous, or do you lack empathy?

(Psychopaths just don't care when bad things happen to other people.)

### 9. Do you have a "parasitic lifestyle"?

(Psychopaths prefer not to work for a living. They feel it is easier to take stuff from other people.)

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1 Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psychopathy\\_Checklist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psychopathy_Checklist)

2 In the UK, the cutoff is 25 points.

**10. Do you have poor behavioral controls?**

(Psychopaths find it difficult to keep themselves in check.)

**11. Do you have a history of promiscuous sexual behavior?**

(Psychopaths like one-night stands.)

**12. Do you have a history of early behavioral problems?**

(As children, psychopaths often have a history of cruelty to others.)

**13. Do you lack realistic long-term goals?**

(Psychopaths prefer crazy schemes over life or career goals.)

**14. Are you overly impulsive?**

(Psychopaths are very, very impulsive.)

**15. Do you have a high level of irresponsibility?**

(Psychopaths aren't big on doing the right thing.)

**16. Do you fail to accept responsibility for your own actions?**

(When you're a psycho, it's always someone else's fault.)

**17. Have you had many short-term "marital" relationships?**

(Psychopaths have an inability to commit to, or repeatedly betray, long-term relationships.)

**18. Do you have a history of juvenile delinquency?**

(Psychopaths start young.)

**19. Have you ever experienced a "revocation of conditional release"?**

(Even when psychopaths catch a break — like being let out of prison on probation — they tend to screw up.)

**20. Do you display "criminal versatility"?**

(Psychopaths differ from normal criminals because they don't really care which type of laws they break — they'll break any of them, under the right circumstances.)

**Score:** 0 Does not apply, 1 Applies somewhat, 2 Definitely applies

Add the scores to all 20 questions and place total in final column.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	TTL	

**Anyone scoring 30 or more is regarded as a psychopath.**